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SUBJ: GOJ FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD ARAB PRODUCERS

1. JAPAN TIMES CARRIED REPORT NOVEMBER 19 SPECULATING THAT CABINET MIGHT DECIDE TO ADOPT MORE PRO-ARAB STANCE AT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, AND IF THIS HAPPENED CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO WOULD ENUNCIATE NEW POLICY FOLLOWING CABINET SESSION.

2. REPORTS THAT EC WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN LEVEL OF ARAB OIL CUTBACK BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL STAND PROBABLY WILL INCREASE PRESSURE ON CABINET TO ANNOUNCE NEW POLICY. IN COMMENTING ON JAPAN TIMES REPORT, HOWEVER, DEPUTY HEAD OF FONOFF ME DIV. SAID HE NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR GOJ TO USE THIS FORUM TO MAKE PRO-ARAB POLICY STATEMENT, AND ADDED THAT OHIRA OPPOSED SUCH STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. PRESS REPORTS IN AFTERNOON PAPERS SEEM TO BEAR THIS OUT. OHIRA REPORTEDLY SAID IN OKAYAMA CITY THAT GOJ WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHEN IT SHOULD CLARIFY ITS POLICY ON ME, BUT THAT HE (OHIRA) HAD NO INTENTION OF DECIDING THIS ISSUE AT (NOVEMBER 20) CABINET MEETING.

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